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For: PRECISION PHASE RETARDATION DEVICES AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

### PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Utility Patent Application Transmittal Sheet (PTO/SB/05);

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40 pages of Specification (including 7 pages of claims and 1 page of abstract)  
11 Pages of formal drawings

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Title	Precision Phase Retardation Devices and Method of Making Same
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### APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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See 37 CFR 1.27.
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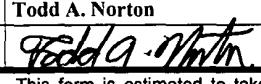
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